INVASION OF THE JITNEY BUS

joke It's a jitney, and I can assure you it is no joke." The lady's mistake was a natural one

considering the fact that she is a New Yorker. Expecting when she entered the automobile to be obliged to break the fare was only 10 cents to the next

Hence her question and the reply just the press. benefactor. Her ride really cost her 32 costs in any post for later in the day she wrote home in high glee: "I have been riding in an automobile for a whole hour for 30 cents."

would not have been surprised, for it is with the jitney as it has been with of importance in the whole United States the benefits of it.

This is not because there are no enterprising citizens ready and anxious to embark in the business of running automobiles as common carriers of passengers over a given route at 5 cents per. Oh, no! Whether it would pay or not, there s no possibility of doubting that a great number of citizens are ready and even anxious to make the experiment, but as Marshall P. Wilder used to say of the many thousands of Irishmen who were under arms in their native country longing to strike a blow at their hated oppressors, "The police won't let them."

timeys to be run. They would protect itney driver as willingly as they would stop him, if he could get a permit. As the matter stands, the greatest

value than five cents. When small capithat is somewhat analogous to that which are no more numerous in proportion bids fair to be a long and fierce one.

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that the "company" had rented an entire

custody last evening. He will have a preliminary hearing before Justice Ram-

say this morning.

been to breakfast?"

require a lawyer?"

"Stick to him."

ok at the man.

were close behind Doc.

"Be sworn."

company together, and---"

"We'll hear from you later," said the

roperty from you on false pretences?

your story and cut it short."

t, addressing Doc. Then to Mr.

want to show you these," began

I deny it!" said Doc.

you wanted a lawyer?"

ench near the back wall.

O. MA'AM." said the chauffeur | Remarkable Spread of the 5 Cent of private cars and that they should Automobile Ride in All Parts of the Country

talists here and there who had invested the movies themselves brought about furnish insurance to other automobile money in automobiles began to carry in the theatrical world. So many peo- owners refuse to issue policies to cover passengers in them for trifling fares and ple preferred to use the jitney rather the jitneys. While there are many a \$100 bill to pay her fare, it was an over-

Had she not been a New Yorker, or and although it has hardly more than people. had she travelled much of late, she begun the work, it has already 8,000 They are required in most communi- of broken glass, carpet tacks and similar so may other innovations and improve-ments and conveniences. New York twice that number of individuals and ments and conveniences. New York twice that number of individuals and ments and conveniences. New York twice that number of individuals and ments and conveniences. New York twice that number of individuals and ments and conveniences. New York twice that number of individuals and ments and conveniences. New York twice that number of individuals and ments and conveniences. New York twice that number of individuals and ments and conveniences. New York twice that number of individuals and ments are the companies operating from one to ten is probably destined to be the last place or twenty cars apiece, and by the time from \$2 a year to \$5 a month. None instigation of the street car compawhere the public will be allowed to enjoy these 16,000 there will be as many more ported, but the highest of these is high In other matters also the jitney people

As to the beginning of the business suddenly from the nowhere into the during which he proposes to run. everywhere one tradition is perhaps as But, after all, the police in New York of performers seeking jobs with the must be printed on the car in large Rockhill Nelson, proprietor and editor of are not to be blamed for not allowing companies that have established head- letters. He must give a bond of \$5,000 the Kansas City Star. He it was who city in the country is the only one in have cheap transportation from place ordinances elsewhere and is probably jitney from being operated, and it was which nobody can get authority to run to place, and certain enterprising chauf- the most onerous condition imposed. attributed largely to his great influence

owner.

whelming surprise to her to learn that for a specified ride, the cars themselves receipts of the trolley car companies new operator, so that the chauffeur was the fare was only 10 cents to the next town and that she could ride in the car for ten minutes or so at an expense origin of the name, but it will be in the next new dictionaries that come from communities a determined opposition lead to litigation. Already it seems to the jitney business, and this opposi- probable that jitney specialists will quoted, which she received from her And there be very many jitneys. How tion is manifested in many ways. In soon be found among members of the many there be no man knoweth. The Mobile, for example, it is declared that legal profession. Palmer Publishing Company, which has the trolley people have organized a force But jitney tribulations exist outstarted a monthly publication called the of canvassers whom they employ to drum side the questions that are likely to Jitney Bus, is compiling a list of jitney up trade, but this is probably the least be settled in court. It is reported that

> names listed. The company's officials ties to take out licenses before they are things scattered along the routes they estimate that there are already fully allowed to transact business as com- cover in suspicious profusion, and some the list comprises all or nearly all of higher and none lower have been re- nies. the entire population of the country will from the smaller jitney operators.

be engaged in the business Mr. Palmer

That town has, as almost everybody for each seat over ten in number. He the full privilege of doing so. knows, come to be a favorite place for may not carry more than he can seat No account of the jitney industry can the preparation of films for the movies and no passengers may ride on the run- be considered adequately complete with and has naturally attracted a multitude ning board of the car. The word "bus" out mention of the late Col. William quarters there. There were so many for every person injured by his car stood among the first of the public men

of New York who do not even know jitneys are everywhere, excepting, as the ground that it is oppressive and in City what a jitney is. A jitney, then, was is already noted, in New York city. And the case of many persons prohibitive. For the jitney is certain to encounter originally a coin as small as a nickel, or the growth of the business has developed They do not deny that accidents hap- the hostility of carrier corporations

no more be required to give bonds than should any other chauffeur or car

And they point out that because their cars are jitneys the companies that

drivers in various parts of the country, vexatious of the troubles of the jitney in several localities the jitney drivers have discovered numbers of fragments

in existence. How long it will be before enough to provoke a vigorous protest complain that they have been made the objects of unfair discrimination, though In Beaumont, Tex., for example, elab- the unfairness of it is less apparent to does not venture to predict. Possibly it orate regulations for jitney traffic have the public than it is to them. In certain may depend on how fast the population only recently been enacted. The applicities, notably in New Orleans, where cant for a license must state all facts the jitney business has grown to be a as to his car, his route, the number of prominent and important part of street that is growing so rapidly and that came passengers he can carry and the hours traffic, a regulation has been enforced by virtue of which the jitneys are not He pays according to the seating allowed to stop or take on or discharge good as another, and probably the Los capacity of his car. If he can carry five passengers in certain localities in which Angeles story is as interesting as any. he pays \$20 a year. If ten it is \$50, and \$5 other vehicles, notably street cars, have

of these and the places to which they and \$10,000 for two persons injured. who have taken the side of the jitney had to go in search of employment were The bond feature of the Beaumont against the forces that have been enso far apart that they were forced to ordinance is contained in many similar listed in the struggle to prevent the feurs furnished them with it in jitneys. At least it is the one that the jitney in the community that the jitney industry In fact there may possibly be citizens That was only last summer. Now people oppose most strenuously, on has prospered as well as it has in Kansas

a counter or chip representing no greater a situation for the street car companies pen with jitneys, but they say that they wherever it is introduced, and the fight

The old home and the lower

The dentist and his wife were liv-

ing at a family hotel on the south

lush had found refuge on the north side. He continued to have desk room

The freckled boy, by the last report

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Court turning to Doc's witnesses. at the time. Ask this man if he ever saw me "I told you that Miss Milbury might said Doc. who had turned a possibly, when she became quite old,

ern and unfaltering gaze on Park- say fifty or over, he somewhat stout-

DOC HORNE AND HIS FRIENDS...By George Ade got the present. If my memory serves me When he came back in the autumn. with a capital of \$100,000 and the backmoney?" asked the court. "His partner got it. of several substantial citizens. ctor" Horne posed as the president

11 made no prediction, but simply said he wished to go to the Alfalfa Euro-in an offhand way that she might pean Hotel, but there was no such "You told me when you swore out become heavier in time, the warrant that this man had got "If you find that you still have a houses that propped it up on each of the company and Smith was supposed the warrant that this man had got to be secretary and treasurer. They money and merchandise from you represented to several business houses under false pretences," said the court. They money and merchandise from you fondness for this admirable and most side had been torn away to make room "Well, he did get it, indirectly."

foor in the new Gunnison Building and was about to do extensive advertising. Horne, who is about 60 years old and "How do you know he did?" this man before?"

"Well-no, but his partner, "Gentlemen, have you seen this infamous publication?" asked Doc as he held the paper toward them. His eyes held the paper toward them. His eyes held the paper toward them asked by the paper toward them asked by the paper toward them. His eyes held the paper toward them asked by the paper toward them. When the paper toward them asked by the paper toward them asked by the paper toward them. When the paper toward them asked by the paper toward them asked by the paper toward them. His eyes held the paper toward them asked by the paper toward them. The partnership," said the dentist said to Doc, with measured slowness, as he raised his fist and brought it down on hold of the outstretched hand.

"Prove—that—partnership," said dentist, extending his hand. His chin trembled and he blinked as he took hold of the outstretched hand.

"The salesman had disappeared.

held the paper toward them. His eyes raised his fist and brought it down on the desk in front of him. "Your Honor, the desk in front of him. "Your Honor, the desk in front of him. "I'm glad you feel that way. You're The book agent had remarried and "Be thou as chaste as ice, as further than to ascertain whether this cure as snow, thou shalt not escape "I wouldn't worry about that, Doc," malicious desire to smirch my reputasaid the dentist. "They'll have to take every word of it back. Have you here to here the said the first th

"Breakfast?-no. What time is it?" dock to answer a criminal charge, hotel for six days. After he returned with a circus as a purveyor of lemon "We'll start over there in about half an hour. I was wondering if you wanted a lawyer?"

We'll start over there in about that is the basis for this charge? This man had been told that I was in partnership with a told that I was in "What have I done that I should he had loaned money."

"Smith told me," said the complain-Five members of the colony followed ant, squinting at the court through his Doc out of the hotel and over to the glasses. police station. Doc was calmer than "You haven't got any case," said

he had been the night before and the the court. "Dismissed!" The colony pushed through the Parkman turned and exclaimed: "Your drag him out of his melancholy by any waiting room and into the court room. | Honor! Your Honor!" "We'l, what is it?" Doc and his companions slid onto a

"This man here" (pointing at the Justice moved with scorching speed. (reckled boy) "has just now threatened station. But when the money came Sixty cases had been disposed of before the clerk shouted: "Calvon when he got outside."

Sixty cases had been disposed of bewhen he got outside."

Station. But when the money came
the dentist, believing that a change of
scene and the diversions of travel Horne, Oscar Parkman, Officer "My goodness, you believe every-thing people tell you, don't you?" asked

They followed him up the aisle to The dentist came into the hotel at the high desk protecting the court.
"Are the parties here?" asked the the counter askeep. the counter asleep. "Where's-let's see-where's "Where's Doc?" he asked in a loud

.

'Come on, boys.' said the lush, the lush, grinning at Parkman,

Mr. Francis looked up and drowsily "Well, get up here closer, where we recognized the speaker, an take a look at you. Where's "In his room-ain't been out since noon." he replied. "Here!" said a small man with The dentist had vague fears as he

close side whiskers of brown and a ran up the stairway. He was relieved hair of concave eyeglasses. The memto find Doc sitting under the double ers of the colony tiptoed to get a gas light, reading a book. "Doc, what do you think?" "And whe are all these?" demanded "I am in no conditon to think. The the court, frowning at the five who occurrences of the last twenty-four covering his health and self-respect

"We are witnesses, your Honor,"
Said the lush. "That is, if you need
us, which I don't think you will."
"I'll decide as a factor of the last the control of the last the la "Miss Milbury-ran right into her. decide as to that," said the And, say, she was looking fine. And what do you think, Doc? She seems

A mumbling oath was recited by a to be at least ten pounds lighter than usy clerk. The court looked at the lain clothes man and asked: "What "Indeed." "Indeed!" 'ou know about the case, Clancy?" "I went right up to her. I don't served the warrant, your Honor, know why-but I couldn't help it. She know is that this man [indicat- didn't know how to treat me at first. ing Doel and the fellow Smith that She was polite, but-well, not very the money from Mr. Parkman cordial. She wanted to know why I sed together at that hotel down never answered her letter. Do you here, and had got up some kind of a know what I did? I told her I never received it. I didn't know any other

way out of it. She asked about you too, Doc." Doe stroked his chin beard and "Did this man get any glanced hesitatingly at the dentist. "Do you think-did she say anythink about that infamous publica-

tion?" complainant, taking two cards "No. of course not. Why, nobody his pocket and handing them to will see that." Those are the business Doc shifted in his chair and seemed ards of the fraudulent concern. This ill at ease under the beaming smile of man claimed to be the president of the the dentist.

"I have thought several times that He didn't." growled the freckled I would recall to your attention a from his place of shelter behind little conversation we had away last summer," he said. "You seemed to You fellows keep still." said the attach considerable significance to it

at any rate, stouter than she is at

talented young lady, I hope to God that nothing I said to you in jest at four elevators and every floor busily that time will deter you from paying "Because he and Smith were part- her your attentions. If you search is said to hold a minor position in the dovernment building, professed surprise and indignation when taken into particular to become the wife of a man side. who has all the noble qualities which with a real estate firm, and his hab "Put her there, Doc," said the its were somewhat improved, accordare revealed in you."

> right, too. She's the finest girl I ever was managing his wife's lecture tour One day in December Dec received country town to manage a hotel that a telegram announcing the death of was not in danger of being torn down "For the first in my life I stand in a a sister in an Ohio town. He went

he confided to the dentist that he had ade and a "gentlemanly agent" come into about \$15,000 of his sister's sold concert tickets. partnership with a scoundrel to whom estate. At first the dentist thought there might be some mistake, but (Copyright, 1915, by the Wheeler Doc had letters from the lawyers and he showed a copy of the will. This news caused rejoicing at the

hotel, and Doc was congratulated by all members of the colony. He alone freckled boy remarked: "He's got his nerve with him all right, all right."

The colony dared not attempt to move out of the pen was unmoved by his good fortune.

The colony dared not attempt The colony dared not attempt to argument or assurance, because not one of them ever spoke of the hustler or Parkman or the two times at the

might serve to effect a cure, suggested that Doc ought to take a vacation. Every member of the colony onded the suggestion, and Doc, brightening under their good wishes. decided to take that long postponed

trip to Europe.

Time and time again he had intended to go to Europe. Once he had bought his ticket and started to the steamer, when he received a telegram from Detroit to the effect that Col. Pounds, a friend from boyhood, was involved in a business smashup and This time he would go. He could

arrange his business affairs so that they would be safe in the hands of an attorney. Doc was in Europe nine months re-

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